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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Fu *et al.*

SERIAL NO.: 09/967,238

FILED: September 27, 2001

FOR: **Method for Determining Relative  
Abundance of Nucleic Acid Sequences**

EXAMINER: Gunter, D.

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Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 13, 2002, extending the period for response to February 13, 2003.

- Fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)):  Large Entity: \$110.00  
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- Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
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